Construction of Bridge on Suvarnavati River near Yelandur.

Q.—2383. Sri T. P. BORIAH (Kollegal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have accorded sanction for the construction of a bridge on the Suvarnavati river near Yelandur on the Yelandur-Biligiriranganabetta Road;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost thereof?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 4·5 lakhs.

Remission of interest charges on takavi loans given in the form of foodgrains in Hyderabad Karnatak.

Q.—2569. Smt. BASAVARAJESWARI (Manvi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of Hyderabad Karnatak regarding the remission of interest charges on takavi loans given in the shape of foodgrains to the poor people in war time;

(*b*) if so, the action they propose to take thereon?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) No loans in the shape of foodgrains were issued to poor people in Gulbarga Division during war time.

(*b*) Does not arise.

National Extension Service Blocks to Harnahalli and Holur Hoblies in Shimoga Taluk.

Q.—2735. Srimathi RATHNAMMA MADHAVA RAO (Shimoga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the residents of Harnahalli and Holur hoblies in Shimoga Taluk have been pressing for tha grant of N.E.S. Blocks for the past several years;

(*b*) if so, the action they propose to take in the matter?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The representation will be kept in view at the time of next allotment of Blocks.

Member sworn.

Sri K. M. DEVAYYA (Periyapatna).

Leave of Absence of Members.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Smt. Allum Sumangallamma requesting an extension of leave of absence from the House for 20 days owing to ill-health.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted to Smt. Allum Sumangallamma for remaining absent from the meetings of the Assembly for 20 days?

Permission was granted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri B. A. Desai requesting leave of absence from the House, from 18th April till the close of the current session.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted to Sri B. A. Desai for remaining absent from all the meetings of the Assembly till the close of the current session?

Permission was granted.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—(Cubbonpet):—On a point of information, Sir. Just now, you read out a note for leave of absence for 20 days from one of the Hon'ble Members. I want to know whether we are sitting for 20 days more from today.